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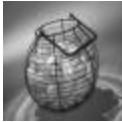
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand continued light to good. Supplies were tight to sufficient. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to at times good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Midwest delivered prices were 6 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate to at times good. Food service demand light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate with large eggs slightly more available than last week. Central States breaking stock prices were two cents higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Current offerings were adequate to barely adequate, light to moderate demand overall. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

| IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers. | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 62-71 | 65-68 |
| LARGE | 61-70 | 63-66 |
| MEDIUM | 42-51 | 44-47 |

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment entering the week was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were about adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short for less than normal to normal schedules. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the fair to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 69-83 | 72-75 |
| LARGE | 64-78 | 69-73 |
| MEDIUM | 48-61 | 53-55 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on extra large and large up 7 cents, mediums increased 2 cents. Trade sentiment mixed, steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with scattered features providing the best activity. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offers were irregular, adequate to barely adequate. Demand was light to moderate with most breakers attempting to work from regular commitments. An occasional buyer needing product paying premium prices for lighter weight product. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 70.5-79 | 72-75 |
| LARGE | 67.5-76 | 69-72 |
| MEDIUM | 46.5-55 | 48-51 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to about sufficient for the fair to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the fair to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 56.25-76 | 70-73 |
| LARGE | 51.25-74 | 68-71 |
| MEDIUM | 43.25-56 | 49-53 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to at times good. Supplies were reported as sufficient for current trade requirements.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 78-82 |
| LARGE | 76-80 |
| MEDIUM | 60-64 |

MIDWEST REGIONAL

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 69-77 | 70-72 |
| LARGE | 67-75 | 68-70 |
| MEDIUM | 48-56 | 49-51 |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last week with California up 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 8%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 12% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features planned. Offerings light to adequate. Small benchmark price 68.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 122 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 117 |
| LARGE | 108 |
| MEDIUM | 88 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| | RANGE | | RANGE |
| JUMBO | 279-329 | JUMBO | |
| LARGE | 249-278 | EXTRA LARGE | Not |
| LARGE | 199-229 | LARGE | Available |
| MEDIUM | 189 | MEDIUM | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 09, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 02, 2006 were 319,781 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 279,097 | 40,684 | 319,781 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -3 | -10 | -4 |

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices increased 2 cents, checks and undergrades unchanged. Offers were irregular, adequate to barely adequate. Demand light to moderate with most breakers attempting to work from regular commitments. An occasional buyer needing product paying premium prices for lighter weight product. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 34-36 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 21-27 | 21-23 |

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
05-JUN-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 7.5-14.5 CENTS/LB. | 11-12 | 11.35 |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
05-JUN-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 8-14 CENTS/LB. | 11-12 | 11.37 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JUNE 05, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | (50 BILLION CENTS IN THOUSANDS) | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | NO | SO | SO | | 5-Area | |
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 7.4 | 12.0 | 8.0 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 50.9 |
| | Change | -0.3 | -9.5 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.7 | -10% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 16.9 | 39.1 | 10.8 | 20.8 | 42.5 | 130.1 |
| | Change | -6.1 | 4.9 | -1.7 | 1.9 | 6.6 | 4% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 34.6 | 117.2 | 66.9 | 75.9 | 98.3 | 392.9 |
| | Change | 2.9 | 13.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 6% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 11.9 | 61.5 | 31.1 | 23.8 | 29.0 | 157.3 |
| | Change | 1.3 | 18.2 | 6.8 | 6.9 | -4.4 | 22% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 2.7 | 6.1 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 16.5 |
| | Change | -1.0 | -3.2 | -2.5 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -32% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 3.4 | 31.7 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 7.4 | 67.7 |
| | Change | 1.2 | -1.0 | 2.3 | -0.4 | 2.0 | 6% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 12.8 | 49.3 | 20.7 | 45.0 | 24.1 | 151.9 |
| | Change | 7.9 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 22% |
| Total Percent | Curr Wk | 89.7 | 316.9 | 152.0 | 193.1 | 215.6 | 967.3 |
| | Change | 7% | 10% | 8% | 10% | 5% | 8% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 967.3 | 8% | 166 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 234.5 | 5% | 35 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1201.8 | 8% | 201 |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2006

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.91 | 1.88 | 1.79 | 1.18 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 22, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.36 | .77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 02, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS 44.25 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 13.25 | | TOTAL LOADS 57.50 | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | |
| GNR W 1 | 49.50 | — | 50.00 | 52.00 | 53.00 | — | 14.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 59.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | — | 57.00 | — | .25 | GL W J | 58.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 71.70 | 1.25 |
| GL W XL | — | — | 62.00 | 64.00 | 54.63 | 59.75 | 5.50 | GL W XL | — | — | — | — | — | — | 65.88 | 2.50 |
| GL W LG | — | — | — | — | 50.00 | — | 3.75 | GL W LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | 62.50 | 2.75 |
| GL W MD | — | — | 44.50 | 46.00 | 28.53 | 31.00 | 16.00 | GL W MD | 33.00 | — | 32.00 | 39.00 | — | — | 37.25 | 5.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 35.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 33.00 | 35.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | — | 31.00 | 6.00 | | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/29/06-06/02/06

| CURRENT LOADS 122.50 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 38.25 | | TOTAL LOADS 160.75 | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | |
| GNR W 1 | 50.50 | 55.29 | 49.13 | 51.13 | 52.25 | — | 37.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 58.25 | — | — | — | — | — | 8.00 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | 49.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GL W J | 59.75 | — | — | — | — | — | 69.28 | 5.75 |
| GL W J | — | — | 70.00 | 71.00 | 55.57 | — | 2.75 | GL W XL | — | 60.82 | — | 75.50 | — | — | 65.78 | 17.25 |
| GL W XL | — | 62.22 | 62.00 | 64.87 | 53.64 | 59.75 | 39.75 | GL W LG | — | 62.38 | — | 71.40 | — | — | 65.73 | 33.25 |
| GL W LG | — | 62.71 | 58.00 | 62.87 | 52.32 | 61.00 | 39.75 | GL W MD | 27.60 | — | 32.00 | 39.00 | — | — | 35.88 | 15.50 |
| GL W MD | 45.00 | 39.63 | 43.00 | 45.00 | 28.53 | 31.25 | 26.50 | GL W SM | 16.50 | 17.50 | — | — | — | — | 23.50 | 2.00 |
| GL W SM | 24.25 | 27.25 | 25.25 | 28.75 | — | — | 5.00 | GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | 36.63 | 9.75 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 35.00 | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 33.00 | 35.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | 29.50 | 31.40 | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| ON HAND | 05/29/06 | 05/22/06 | 05/30/05 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 95 | 95 | 287 |
| LOS ANGELES | 92 | 92 | 281 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large and large. Steady on medium and small. Supplies are close on larger sizes, available on medium and small. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 87.86 |
| LARGE | 84.86 |
| MEDIUM | 66.86 |
| SMALL | 46.00 |

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 222 - 261 | 239 - 240 |
| 1/2 doz. | 120 - 151 | 130 - 134 |
| Large doz. | 217 - 250 | 225 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz. | 115 - 142 | 125 - 128 |

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 05/28/2006 - 06/03/2006

| State | # Cases Shipped To Northern CA | # Cases Shipped To Central CA | # Cases Shipped To Southern CA | Total State |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Arizona | 0 | 615 | 1,672 | 2,287 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 780 | 0 | 780 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 2,924 | 2,924 |
| Iowa | 6,502 | 7,510 | 50,039 | 64,051 |
| Maine | 0 | 0 | 1,398 | 1,398 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 6,580 | 6,580 |
| Minnesota | 5,720 | 660 | 9,721 | 16,101 |
| Missouri | 0 | 780 | 5,595 | 6,375 |
| Montana | 0 | 0 | 580 | 580 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 2,370 | 2,370 |
| New Hampshire | 0 | 0 | 51 | 51 |
| North Carolina | 1,680 | 680 | 1,794 | 4,154 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 2,380 | 2,380 |
| Oregon | 2,550 | 0 | 960 | 3,510 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 1,618 | 1,618 |
| Utah | 0 | 720 | 8,025 | 8,745 |
| Washington | 1,557 | 269 | 0 | 1,826 |
| Grand Total | 18,009 | 12,014 | 95,707 | 125,730 |
| SHIPPED TO MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY | 18,009 | 12,014 | 95,707 | 125,730 |